SHRI MD. SALIM' Does the BJP need a spokesman to censor a supplementary ? ... (In irruptions)...

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN Sir, re-conversion of religion is also taking place in several parts of India. It is in that background, I would like to say....(Interruptions).,.. When such a hate campaign is organised against a particular community, it is the responsibility of the Government, especially the hon. Prime Minister of India to look into that seriously...(Inteeruptions)…. But, unfortunately, the Prime Minister of India has done nothing...(Interruptions)... What he has done is, once he visited Gujarat.,.{Interruptions)... What we have to do is, we have to go to the root cause of the incident,..{Interruptions)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: They are defending the Home Minister and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh,..(Interruptions)... Sir, this is Rajya Sabha.,,(Interruptions)... We will not allow this ...(Interruptions)... If you allow this, one person to hold the proceedings...(Interruptions)... This is a shameful thing,,. (Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN; 1 have not heard anything ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Sir, he is not the Home Minster, let the Home Minister speak... (Interruptions)...

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Security lapse at Chennai Airport

*43. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a security lapse was exposed at the Chennai Airport on the eve of P.M's. visit during a security rehearsal;

(b) if so, whether the loopholes have been detected; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent such security lapses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As a part of verification of security

arrangements for the visit of the Prime Minister to Chennai on 4.7.2000, dummy exercises were undertaken. Inadequacies in the security arrangements at the Chennai Airport detected on 3.7.2000, were brought to the notice of the Tamil Nadu Police authorities. The arrangements were suitably tightened and the visit of the Prime Minister concluded smoothly. It may be mentioned, however, that the reception for the Prime Minister was scheduled at the Old Airport, well away from the regular domestic terminal where the dummy checks were carried out.

(c) Security arrangements at the Airport are under constant review and steps are taken to rectify the deficiencies which come to light from time to time.

Utilization of funds earmarked for. sanitation schemes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

*44. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds earmarked for the construction of pavement, drains, cleanliness and setting up of hand pumps are spent on the prescribed purposes by Gram Panchayats in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if not, the action taken against the persons responsible for it;

(c) whether any audit is being conducted by District Magistrates in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to utilise these funds through D.Ms, on the line of M.P.L.A.D.S.;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) There is no specific earmarking of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development for construction of pavements, drains and cleanliness. These works generally form components of Rural Development programmes like the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) which are being implemented by the States through Gram Panchayats or other agencies. Component-wise expenditure on these works is not maintained by the Central Government. Further, for setting